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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Ross, et al.

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For:

CARBOXYLIC

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Examiner: H. Owens, Jr.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 1, 1999. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 1, 1999. A three month Petition for Extension of Time and fee are attached hereto, extending the period for reply to March 1, 2000. In view of the following remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the captioned application as follows.

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